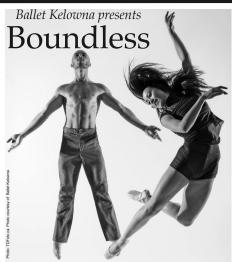


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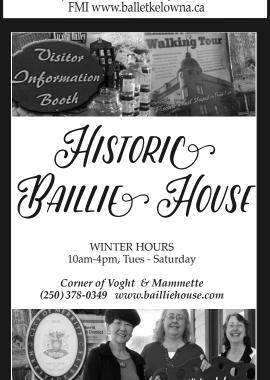
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NVIT receives award

NVIT recently received the Colleges and Institutes Canada's silver award for excellence in Aboriginal education. "Indigenous education is what we do," says president Ken Tourand, pointing to its First Nations board of governors, Elders Council, and the fact that 80% of its students are Aboriginal. Gold went to Yukon College for its ground-breaking arrangement with the territory's 14 First Nations, who are part of the president's advisory council on First Nations initiatives and a sounding board for administrators regarding programming & services.

The awards are new to CIC, which represents more than 135 colleges, CEGEPs & polytechnics, and were implemented in conjunction with their new Indigenous Education Protocol (which Ken was instrumental in implementing). To date more than 40 institutions have signed the protocol, agreeing to hire more Indigenous staff, meld Indigenous culture into the learning experience and recognize Indigenous land & governance Source: Macleans.ca

Célébrons l'immersion française!

The BC government has proclaimed the first week of February French Immersion Celebration Week to support students and educators involved in French Immersion throughout the province.

Over the past 10 years, French immersion enrolment has increased by almost 40% in public schools. Over 50,000 students are currently enrolled in French immersion schools, both public & independent, throughout the province (that's almost 10% of the student population in BC's public school system). Close to \$10 million a year comes from the federal government to support French as a second language education programs.

BC students who graduate from the French Immersion program receive 2 diplomas: the Dogwood Diploma & le diplôme de fin d'études secondaires (the French Dogwood). Last year, nearly 2,300 students graduated from the French Immersion program in the province.

Merritt, the place you WOULD want to live!

It finally came to me this past weekend: Merritt is the place you WOULD want to live. (You know the saying: "It's a nice place to visit, ie. Vancouver, New York, Paris, Mexico... but I wouldn't want to live there".

For more than 23 years I've lived in Merritt; I know how I came to be here, but I'm always curious about why others choose to move here. I was especially interested after the population started shrinking, with the loss of Weyerhauser, provincial government offices, health care services, etc.

So I started asking new people that I met. There was usually a personal reason, which of course you could never guess at -

grown children living in the Interior, a job with the school board. And what the majority of people also said is that "people are so friendly here!" That, I cannot dispute.

Somehow it remains after all this time that I feel I only ever know half the people here. And this means that Merritt never really gets claustrophobic, but stays fresh: a happy balance between the people you know & the people you don't. So my theory now is that for the people who remain, they live here because Merritt is an affordable, friendly, culturally diverse & beautiful homebase from which to venture out into the world. They travel & pursue their dreams, and then they happily return to their friends and this beautiful valley, back to their place in the world.

I'm not saying Merritt doesn't have its share of issues, but petty mini-melodramas are just fluff. And if you want to get involved and affect the change you want to see,

Careful What You Wish For A government employee sits in his office and out of boredom, decides to see what's in his old filing cabinet. He pokes through the contents and comes across an old brass lamp. "This will look nice on my mantelpiece," he decides, and takes it home with him. While polishing the lamp, a genie appears and grants him 3 wishes. "I wish for an ice cold beer right now!" He gets his beer and drinks it. Now that he can think more clearly, he states his 2nd wish. "I wish to be on an island where beautiful women reside." Suddenly he is on an island with gorgeous females. He tells the genie his 3rd & last wish: "I wish I'd never have to work ever again." POOF! He's back in his office.

Community

Yvonne Basil powwow fundraiser

Saturday Feb 6, 11am-5pm, at the Shulus Hall. Loonie auction & 50/50. Come and enjoy a great meal!

Legion Super Bowl party

Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Legion. Admission is with a potluck appy. Come watch the game and have some fun, doors 2pm, game starts at 3pm. Guests are welcome, members will sign you in. FMI call Marguerite 378-7750

Lower Nicola Flea Market

Lower Nicola Flea Market upcoming dates are Feb. 7, Mar. 6 & 20, Apr. 10, May 1. It will be at the Lower Nicola Hall, 10am-3pm. Contact them on facebook: Lower Nicola Flea Market or 378-3481.

Newshound

The TNRD Library System is pleased to announce that the Merritt Herald and the Merritt News have been added to the "Newshound" newspaper digitization project, done in partnership with the NV Museum and Archives. There will be a special launch on February 11, 4pm at the Merritt Library, to celebrate a major milestone in the efforts to preserve local history of the Nicola Valley.

Fundraiser for movie theatre project

Bentall Taylor Ulrich will play a close-to-Valentine's concert as a benefit for the NV Community Theatre Society — and organizers are hoping it will take us a giant step forward toward a movie theatre & performance space in Merritt. Wed. Feb 17, tickets are \$40 for NVCTS members, \$45 for non members, available at Black's or Brambles. You can book your table of 8 for this cabaret-style concert. Cocktails @ 6:30pm, performance starts at 7pm.

Heritage Week

You are invited to celebrate with the NV Museum and Archives on Thurs., Feb. 18, 6pm. Enjoy a tour of the museum, appies, beverages and networking.

Tea & sweets

NV Women's Institute will celebrate the birth of the organizations' founder, Adelaide Hoodless. February 20, 1:30-3pm at the Merritt Senior Citizen's Hall. Tea & sweets \$4.

Fish & Game Club trophy awards night

March 5th. Entries: big game (Boone and Crockett's code of conduct in effect); fish: trout, coarse, ladies & juniors entries; best archery; photo contest: local scenery, wildlife, open categories. Deadline to entrer is Feb 20. Drop off entries at Ponderosa Sports, Gun Fishin', or contact Paul 378-4904.

Dance your Heart Out

On Thurs., Feb 25, come out to the 2016 dance party at the Merritt Senior Centre, 9:30-11:30am. Refreshments, dance lessons & demonstrations, games, silent auction & door prize. Join in the dancing or just come to enjoy and watch. Proceeds in support of the Heart & Stroke Founda-

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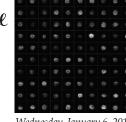
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